

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time • November 12, 2006**

**“Amen, I say to you,**



**this poor widow put  
in more than all the  
other contributors...”**

**Mark 12:43**



## *Pastoral Team*

**Rev. Michael A. Vetrano**  
Pastor

*Welcome to our Parish Family! New Parishioners are cordially invited to register as members of our parish family. Please call or visit the Parish Office.*

**Rev. Stanislaus Chukwube**

Associate Pastor

**Rev. Robert Scheckenback**

Associate Pastor

**Deacon John DeGuardi**

**Deacon Jules O. A. Gagnon**

Parish Outreach

**Deacon Jack Meehan**

Coordinator of Stewardship

**Deacon John Teufel**

**Sr. Margaret Bickar**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Sr. Nancy Campkin**

Director of Religious Education

**Regina Ann Cioffi**

School Principal

**Jennifer Gallagher**

Director of Youth Services

**Carol M. Goetz**

Parish Music Director

**Sr. Diane Liona**

Director of Religious Education

**Vita Scorcio**

Ministry Spiritual Director

**John Sureau**

Coordinator of Worship

**Sr. Betty Toohig**

Senior Ministry-SAGE

**Anthony Trombino**

Business Manager

## *Pastoral Council*

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Salomon Acosta

Regina Ann Cioffi

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Stephen Frodell

Jen Gallagher

Anne Kerrigan

Maria Lucie (*co-chair*)

Mary McMahon

Doreen Spiller

Mary Steck

Fr. Mike Vetrano

Marie Yuliano (*co-chair*)

## *Parish Staff*

**Barbara Catuosco**

Religious Education Office

**Mary Anne Lettieri**

Parish Office

**Debbie Meyer**

Bulletin/Parish Office

**Rosemary Multer**

School Office

**Rex Muro**

Organist

**Rita Spera**

Religious Education Office

**Lori Walsh**

Parish Office

*Our Lady  
of Lourdes*

455 Hunter Avenue  
West Islip, New York 11795

## Mission Statement

*As stewards of all that God has given us, the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes serves and ministers to all who come to this place. Regardless of a person's history, ethnicity, gender, orientation, age or race, we commit ourselves to open wide the doors of our Parish to provide a place of welcome and hospitality.*

### Parish Office

661-3224

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Sunday: 9 AM - 2 PM

email: [ParishOffice@ollchurch.org](mailto:ParishOffice@ollchurch.org)

fax: 661-7143

website: [www.ollchurch.org](http://www.ollchurch.org)

### Our Lady of Lourdes School

587-7200

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - 3 PM

email: [rcioffi@ollschool.org](mailto:rcioffi@ollschool.org)

### Religious Education Office

661-5440

Monday-Friday: 9 AM - Noon

1 PM - 5 PM

7 PM - 9 PM

email: [ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org](mailto:ReligiousEd@ollchurch.org)

### S.A.G.E.

661-3224

(Senior Advocates for Growth  
and Enrichment)

email: [Sage@ollchurch.org](mailto:Sage@ollchurch.org)

## Vision...

*so that all may know that they are a vital part of the Body of Christ, we further recommit and challenge ourselves to:*

- ***Live** out our Baptismal call passionately by caring for all of God's people with justice.*
- ***Grow** in an understanding of God's role in each of our lives.*
- ***Respond** to the Gospel in a radical way, inviting and inspiring all to form the Kingdom of God in every moment of life.*
- ***Acknowledge** we are not complete without the willingness to grow, discern and discover the Spirit who moves and guides us.*

# Celebrating Our Parish Life

Parish 50th Anniversary Mass  
 12:30 PM  
 November 19, 2006  
 Celebrant Bishop William Murphy



**LAST  
 CHANGE**  
 this weekend



*Our Lady of Lourdes*  
**GOLDEN JUBILEE**

**GRAND PRIZE:**  
 Hawaii Vacation  
 Kaanapali  
 Lahaina, Maui  
 \$1,000 American Express Gift Card

**FIRST PRIZE:**  
 Rough Riders Landing (Montauk Vacation)  
 One week in a condo on the bay  
 (Excludes July-August)

**SECOND PRIZE:**  
 One Week in Williamsburg, Virginia  
 (Timeshare that can be exchanged for another location)

**THIRD & FOURTH PRIZES:**  
 One Week Stay in Orlando, FL Condo  
 (Airfare not included)

Donation: \$10.00 per ticket

Raffle tickets will also  
 be available for sale  
 after weekend Masses.

*Golden Raffle tickets*  
 (\$10 each ticket)  
 and  
*Silver Raffle tickets*  
 (\$5 each ticket)

Raffle tickets will be  
 on sale at the  
 Jubilee Dinner,  
 as well.

*Our Lady of Lourdes*  
**GOLDEN JUBILEE**

**GRAND PRIZE:**  
 Marriott Windwatch Hotel  
 Overnight Stay

**FIRST PRIZE:**  
 Wine Tour  
 Martha Clara Vineyard Wine Tour for 10

**SECOND PRIZE:**  
 Wine Tour  
 Palmer Vineyard Wine Tour for 8  
 (with limousine)

**THIRD PRIZE:**  
 VIP Passes (4) for the  
 Air Show at Jones Beach (2007)

**FOURTH PRIZE:**  
 Fine Wine Basket

Donation: \$5.00 per ticket

## Celebrating Our Parish Life

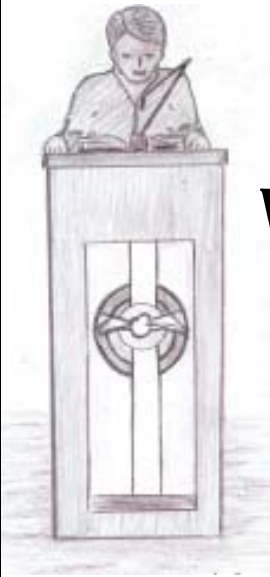


*Come Celebrate  
as a Parish Family  
50th Anniversary Jubilee Dinner*

*Friday, November 17, 2006  
7:00 PM-Midnight  
Southward Ho Country Club*

*Price \$100 per person  
Tickets are on sale now in the Parish Office  
Seating arrangements will be accommodated*

*Jubilee Dinner tickets are now on sale  
after weekend Masses in the  
All-Purpose Room.*



## ***When we love...***

### **Renewing our Support for Our Lady of Lourdes**

*Dear Parishioners:*

*Each year our parish uses the weeks at the end of October and beginning of November to celebrate parish stewardship.*

*Stewardship is a way of life, an attitude of generosity and faith that allows us to use our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to do the work of the gospel. Our parish community would not exist without the generosity of our members. Please pay special attention to the message of stewardship on these upcoming weekends.*

***we serve.***

#### **Last Weekend - November 4 and 5**

#### **Parish Commitment Weekend**

Parishioners will speak at Masses this Sunday to explain the importance of the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure in their lives. Parishioners will also be invited to make or renew a commitment to support Our Lady of Lourdes. The commitment cards may be put into the collection baskets at this Mass or at Mass over the next several Sundays. In addition, the commitment cards can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

#### **Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12**

#### **Commitment Weekend**

Parishioners will be invited to return their commitment cards if they did not do so last weekend. In addition, we will have cards available at the entrances of the Church over the next several weeks for your use. All cards can be returned in the collection baskets at Mass or they can be dropped off at or mailed to the Parish Office in the Rectory.

## Sacrificial Giving

I have to admit it. When someone begins to talk about sacrifice it makes me nervous. The word itself sounds gloomy and painful, and conjures up images of doing without, being deprived, and suffering. At least that's the way most people used that word when I was growing up. But that is not the kind of sacrifice I am going to ask of you.

In the Bible, and in our faith tradition, sacrifice means something very different. The word comes from two Latin words *sacrum*, which means holy or sacred, and *facere*, which means to make something. So sacrifice literally means, to make something or someone holy. So what does this have to do with stewardship?

Think for a minute about gifts. Some gifts are very significant - like a wedding ring or a bouquet of flowers. Gifts like these are meaningful to both the one who receives it and the one who gives it. When you care about someone, you want to give them meaningful gifts and when you do it changes both of you for the better.

A gift to our parish makes both you and our parish holy. It makes our parish holy because it blesses our work and lets us know that you care and appreciate our efforts as a community to follow Christ. It makes you holy because it connects you to the work of the Church and to the ministries that happen here.

To do this, your gift has to mean something to you – it has to be valuable. That's not the same as being super expensive – but a good gift has to be valuable enough so that you need to think about it and decide that you really want to give this gift.

A meaningful gift also has to be given in the right spirit. No one ever wants to receive a gift that is given grudgingly. That's probably why the Bible says that God loves a cheerful giver! There is enough grief in the world and we do not want your generosity to cause you more.

So what it all comes down to is that sacrificial giving is a decision to love the Church and those that are part of it. It shows that you understand that what we do here is important to both you and to all the people who call OLL their spiritual home. This does not mean that everything about the Church is perfect, any more than giving a gift to a friend means that they are perfect and there is nothing about them that you might want to change. It means simply that when you look at the big picture that this is your community and it deserves your support.

*We are called by God to be one, a family whose love for His Son is evident in all that we do. As members of the Parish Family of Our Lady of Lourdes, I / we realize that our parish is our Spiritual Home.*

*We affirm the good that is accomplished here by our gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure. I / Our family has prayerfully decided to make a regular weekly offering to further the work of our parish.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I / we pledge an offering of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Weekly \_\_\_ Monthly \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

- Please check here if you would like us to send periodic reminders for your pledge.
- Please check here if you would like information on options for direct debit or credit card contributions.

**Daily Mass**

8 AM

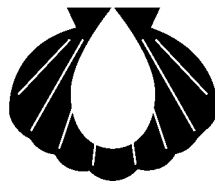
**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday:** 5 PM

**Sunday:** 8 AM, 9:30 AM,  
11 AM, 12:30 PM and 6 PM

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 4 PM - 4:45 PM



***Upcoming Marriages***

*Lauren Fogarty, OLL and  
Thomas McGowan, St. Kevin's, Flushing*

**Rosary/Novena**

**Rosary:**

Daily after 8 AM Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena:**

Monday after 8 AM Mass

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults(RCIA):**

A process to be embraced by the Catholic Church. For non-Catholics and for Catholics who have never received formal religious education. If interested, please call the Parish Office.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Throughout the liturgical year. If needed sooner, please call the Parish Office.

**Baptism**

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

**Marriage**

Arranged at least six months in advance, please call the Parish Office.

***Baptisms***

*Jennifer Maria Bonilla*

Mauricio and Ernestina

*Colin James Gallagher*

James and Sharon

*Isabella Grimaldi*

Robert and Lori

*Gabriella Devin Keane*

Kevin and Delia

*Alexander Charles Marchica*

James and Wendy

*Giavanna Marie Monserrat*

Rocco and Brittany

*Anthoy Ronald Andresen*

Robert and Jennifer

*Sophia Jae Biondo*

Vincent and Cara

*Ethan Carl Hoerning*

Keith and Michele

*Faith Rosannah Hoerning*

Keith and Michele

**Support Groups**

**Alcoholics Anonymous**

Monday and Tuesday at  
8 PM and Saturday at  
7 PM in Lourdes Hall-  
convent lower level.

**ALANON**

Each Wednesday at  
10 AM in Lourdes Hall-  
convent lower level.



## Remembering...

### Monday, November 13

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*

8:00 AM Frank Ferguson



### Tuesday, November 14

8:00 AM LaRocca & Sweeney Families

### Wednesday, November 15

*St. Albert the Great*

8:00 AM Dorothy Boening

### Thursday, November 16

*St. Gertrude*

8:00 AM Marie Perez

### Friday, November 17

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary*

8:00 AM Vita J. Kelly

### Saturday, November 18

8:00 AM Matthew Conaughton, Roseann Thomas, In Honor of St. Jude,  
In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph Coletta,  
Patricia Casey, Charles Conigliaro, Margaret Errigo,  
Gloria Festa, Peter Viola, Dorothy Bergamini, The Romanello Family

5:00 PM Dec'd. Mbrs of Turano & Lettieri Families

*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

### Sunday, November 19

8:00 AM Peter Reehil

*Fr. Stan Chukwube*

9:30 AM Richard Garcia

*Fr. Ed Dowling*

11:00 AM John McKeefery

*Fr. Mike Vetrano*

12:30 PM Rose Bassile

*Bishop William Murphy*

6:00 PM People of the Parish, Fredrick Ansman, Irene Bleichner,  
Elinor Anzalone, Nicholas Krepil, St. Jude, Sue Tuzzola,  
In Honor of St. Anthony, Sylvia Emaman, Mariano Lena

*Fr. Bob Scheckenback*

## Rest In Peace

*Guido Tamasi*

*Frances Slayback*

*Bernard Gordy*

*Dennis R. Prichinello*

*Miriam Mentz*

*Edna M. Kowalski*

*Michael Joseph Buccino*

## Saint Bernard League

*(Saint Bernards are known for bring people to safety in hazardous weather conditions)*

If you're in need of help when it snows, members of our parish community will come to your home and shovel you out!

If you think you can use this help, call the Parish Office at 661.3224 or e-mail to [jureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jureau@ollchurch.org) today so we can begin to match people up now. Please RE-SIGN UP - even if you signed up last year.

### **... we also need Saint Bernards!**

Can you and/or your family shovel, snow blow or clear out another family or two in need within our parish community? We'd love to have all families matched up before the first snow of the season (assuming it hasn't happened yet!!) If you can help with this call the Parish Office or e-mail to [jureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jureau@ollchurch.org)

## **Peanut Butter and Jelly**

Our "Peanut Butter and Jelly Gang" will meet **Sunday, November 26, after "The Six" in the OLL school cafeteria**. We are in need of volunteers to make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches for local shelters and soup kitchens. While the Thanksgiving holiday is often cause for tremendous donations – help and support are often need more after the holiday. If you can come, please do. If you can't come, please support our work by dropping off jars of peanut butter, jelly, or loaves of bread at the doors of the Church during the weekends of November 18/19 and November 25/26. thank you for your continued support.

## **Our Journey continues...**

### ***Family Pilgrimage to Catholic Canada***

Come with us on a pilgrimage to Montreal and Quebec! Among the many wonderful places in Canada you will experience is St. Joseph's Oratory, a Roman Catholic Basilica on the northern slope of Mount Royal. This is the largest Church in Canada where more than two million visitors who come experience some healing. A wonderful experience for your whole family!

Our second meeting is open to everyone in the parish. This meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, November 30 in Room 16 at 7:30 PM**. For additional information please call Deacon John at the Parish Office.



## RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

### What's it all about?

**IF** you are an adult AND

- ... you were never Baptized
- ... you were Baptized in another faith and would like to become a baptized Catholic
- ... you never received Holy Communion (Eucharist)
- ... you never received your Confirmation

**IF** you are an adult *and* one or all of the circumstances above apply to you...

**IF** you feel you would like to become a Baptized Catholic or become more fully initiated into your Catholic faith...

Please contact John Sureau, S. Nancy, Jen Gallagher or Fr. Stan at the Parish Office, 661-3224 #1, and we would be happy to help you.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

### Help Needed!

Our Family Liturgy and Children's Liturgy of the Word ministries NEED YOU! We are looking to add to our teams. If you are interested - you would be part of a team that leads Children's Liturgy once every five weeks. Team members can be presiders, lectors, help "behind the scenes", or help supervise. High school teens, parents and adults are all needed and welcome. To find out more – please contact us at 661.3224, ext. 135 or e-mail to [jsureau@ollchurch.org](mailto:jsureau@ollchurch.org).

## Living Liturgy

### New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion!

Let's pray for our parish's newest Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

*Joanne Fenlo, Christine Flynn, Nancy Kuchler, Lisa Marie Maher, Debra Ponce, Jo Ann Schleger, Doreen Spiller, and Linda Tarantino.*

They will serve at Sunday and Daily Liturgies, as well as funerals and weddings.

May God bless them in this new ministry!

## The Six

Our parish Six Committee – a group of teens, adults and musicians – meets to make the 6 PM Sunday night liturgy a real celebration for our entire parish.

We're working to make Advent a real special time for our parish community and want your help and ideas. All are Welcome!

Our next **meeting is tonight – Sunday, November 12 at 5 PM**. Please come and be part of it. Share your ideas and enthusiasm!



## Gospel of Luke...

**Tuesdays-November 14, 21, 28 December 5, and 12  
7:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the Parish Center  
Presenter: Deacon Kevin McCormick  
Principal, Xaverian High School, Brooklyn, NY**

### Gospel of Compassion and Hope

This Advent, we'll read from the Gospel of Luke...but what are we hearing? Luke brings us a message of compassion, hope, and challenge. Throughout Luke, the Holy Spirit is active, guiding Jesus and empowering the church. In our busy lives, how can we be guided by Jesus? Empowered by the Spirit? Let's find out how the Gospel of Luke can help in this engaging experience.

Kevin McCormack is the Principal of Genesis Middle school for the gifted at Xaverian HS in Brooklyn. Over his 20+ year tenure at Xaverian, Kevin has worked in discipline, campus ministry, guidance and development, as well as teaching Religion, English and Philosophy.

He is also an adjunct instructor in the Theology Department at Molloy College. Over the 21 years at the college he has also worked in the Theology & Philosophy departments. Kevin is a regular panel member with Molloy's Institute for Christian/Jewish Dialogue.

Additionally Mr. McCormack has been part of the Rockville Centre Diocese Pastoral Formation Institute's Faculty since its inception and taught in the Diaconate program for both the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre.. He was ordained a deacon for the diocese of RVC in May of 2002 and serves the Parish of the Blessed Sacrament in Valley Stream.

For over 20 years Mr. McCormack has done several adult education programs, retreats, Parish Missions and workshops throughout parishes in both the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre dioceses.

Kevin and his wife, Regina, have 4 children and live in Lynbrook. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature and Philosophy from Cathedral College, a Master of Arts degree in Theology from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington and a Master of Science degree in Educational Administration from Fordham University.

*Gentle Reminder: Preregistration is necessary and helpful This will enable us to have enough reading material and refreshments for all those attending. Please call the Religious Education Office Monday-Friday from 9 AM until 5 PM at 661.5440, extension 3 or email to [religioused@ollchurch.org](mailto:religioused@ollchurch.org). Fee is \$25 and may vary with each class. No fee is required for those who have paid Religious Education Family Fee or OLL School tuition.*

## Religious Education

*The Jubilee Journey continues...*

**Grade 6-7-8 students** are encouraged to attend **OLL's Jubilee Mass on Sunday, November 19 at 12:30 PM.**

**It is sure to be a wonderful Parish Event!**

Friday, October 27 marked the beginning of Grade 6-7-8 Hang Out Nites... Students, chaperones and high school students were involved in a fun evening of celebrating 50 years of our OLL Parish Family, including an anniversary cake with 50 candles! The night included all of the Hang Out Nite fun "things"- basketball, volleyball, dancing, music, games, DVD's, crafts, and of course, pizza too!

*Our next Grade 6-7-8 Hang Out Nite is scheduled for Friday, December 15 from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM in the Parish Center.*



The sixth grade at Our Lady of Lourdes School is coordinating a food drive to help restock our Parish Outreach food pantry. Each grade is given a different food item to collect. These items are scheduled to be collected before Thanksgiving to make a nice holiday meal for the less fortunate in our community.

All eighth grade "Academy of Inquiry" members met their mentors at Stony Brook University and are pursuing their various projects. They are working hard and e-mailing their mentors for support. They will meet with their mentors on December 13.

Good luck to the fifth grade as they take their New York State Social Studies test this week.

## Breakfast with Santa

Our annual "**Breakfast with Santa**" will be held this year on **Sunday, December 3** in the **OLL School cafeteria**. The Breakfast with Santa Committee is reaching out to all our parishioners who may be interested in helping out with this event or for donations of any kind. Anyone interested please contact Christina Macina at 587.0241 as soon as possible. Donations of any kind can be dropped off directly at the school office. Please label your donations with your name, address and phone number so that we may properly thank you. Your help and donations are very much appreciated. This is a wonderful event to be shared with our parish family - we need your help to make it a success. Thank you.

*Please watch the upcoming bulletins for information regarding the purchase of tickets.*

## Parish Outreach

### Outreach Office Hours

Monday through Friday from 9:30 AM until 3:30 PM.  
For information/assistance call 661.9262.

### Our Lady of Lourdes Bereavement

Our parish support group for those who have lost a loved one—  
If interested, please call the Parish Outreach Office at 661.9262.

*Our pantry is running low on the following items...  
cereal, coffee, soup, and tea.*

## Social Action Alert

### Helping Others in Need

The Mercy INN Soup Kitchen is in need of our help!  
Mercy INN is in need of cooks – people who will cook 5 to 6 large turkeys and then bring the cooked turkeys, in aluminum pans, to the Soup Kitchen the next day. The turkeys would be supplied for you. For more information contact Mr. Tom Russo at 631.587.6422 or e-mail to [russopl@jump.com](mailto:russopl@jump.com). In this season of gratitude and stewardship, let's help both those within and outside of our parish community who are in need.

### *NYSCATHOLIC.ORG*

We would like everyone in our parish to visit the New York State Catholic Conference's website at [www.nyscatholic.org](http://www.nyscatholic.org) and register today.  
By doing this, you'll receive regular e-mail updates about important issues and learn ways you can make a real difference in the life of the Church and the world.

### Financial Summary

#### November 5, 2006

Weekly Collection	\$ 21,033.00
Weekly Budget	-\$ 21,000.00
+/- for the week	\$ 33.00

*The estimated weekly collection needed to maintain and operate our parish buildings, ministries, programs and salaries is \$21,000.*

## Help Save a Life - Give Blood

On **Friday, November 24**, (*the day after Thanksgiving*) Our Lady of Lourdes Parish will hold a **Blood Drive from 3:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center.**

All eligible donors are strongly urged to give blood. To donate you must be between the ages of 17 and 75, in good health, and weigh at least 110 pounds. All donors must show proof of identification and should eat some food before donating.

Donating blood is easy and completely safe. The donation process takes only an hour and includes a mini-health exam - blood pressure, pulse, temperature and iron count. Free cholesterol testing for all blood donors. The donation itself takes about ten minutes, plus time for refreshments.

For more information about the Drive or to make an appointment, please call Marie at 669-5837.

## Parish Outreach Cake Sale

Parish Outreach will be having its **Annual Cake Sale** next weekend, **November 11/12**. Baked goods will be available for sale after our weekend Masses (*except 6 PM Mass*) in the **All-Purpose Room**.

Please come by and pick up a treat or two and help support our Outreach Program here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you for your continued support.

## Thanksgiving at OLL

It's November...

and Thanksgiving is fast approaching.

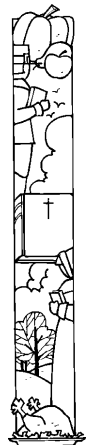
Once again, we ask our generous parish family and friends to help those less fortunate of our parish by making a donation to OLL Parish Outreach.

We would like to suggest that when you are shopping for your Thanksgiving dinner, simply buy a duplicate dinner for one of our needy families and bring it to Parish Outreach for distribution.



If shopping is not in your schedule, we will gladly accept food certificates or financial donations.

We ask that you bring your **donations to Parish Center on Monday, November 20 between the hours of 8 AM and 1 PM.**



### Thanksgiving at OLL

I will be happy to donate a Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixins' for a family of \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_



## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

My grandmother had a favorite saying at the dinner table. “Take all that you want,” she’d say, “but eat all that you take.” Having lived through the Depression and World War II with a growing family, she knew what it was like to go without any extras. No pantries filled with snacks, no shopping trips to the mall, no easy credit payments; every penny ever brought home was accounted for and wisely spent.

The story in today’s Gospel reading from Mark illustrates Jesus’ teaching that it is not the size of one’s gift that counts, but rather the willingness to give all one can without question or expectation of anything in return. Those who make a grand demonstration of their positions in life and also what they may give may have a tough go of it; Jesus recognized that giving from surplus really isn’t giving at all, because it only shows one has more than their needs.

When we receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit - wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord - we also receive what are called the fruits of the Spirit, perfections formed in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. (CCC 1831-2) In the tradition of the church, these twelve fruits are charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, chastity, and generosity. Is your generosity from your surplus, or from the fruits of your gifts?

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### Readings for the Week of November 12, 2006

<b>Sunday:</b>	1 Kgs 17:10-16/ Heb 9:24-28/ Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
<b>Monday:</b>	Ti 1:1-9/ Lk 17:1-6
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/ Lk 17:7-10
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Ti 3:1-7/ Lk 17:11-19
<b>Thursday:</b>	Phlm 7-20/ Lk 17:20-25
<b>Friday:</b>	2 Jn 4-9/ Lk 17:26-37
<b>Saturday:</b>	3 Jn 5-8/ Lk 18:1-8
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Dn 12:1-3/ Heb 10:11-14, 18/ Mk 13:24-32



## Altar Society

Altar linens this week will be cared for by *Joyce Petersen*.  
If you would like to help care for our altar needs, please call the  
Parish Office at 661.3224.

## Communion Calls

Communion brought to those who are homebound.  
Contact the Parish Office at 661.3224.



## Pastoral Care of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office at 661.3224 to leave the names  
of parishioners who:

- are homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist
- are in Good Samaritan Hospital and would like to be visited  
by a member of our Pastoral Care Ministry.

## Pray for Our Sick

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers ...

*Pat Bonavita, Patrick Bowers, Thomas Brennan, Elise Brenner, Jo Brogan,  
George Bukowski, Christian Bullock, Sr. Nancy Campkin, Dawn Coughlin,  
Regina Cranor, Joseph Cristallo, Nicholas Curella, Kelly Doan, Jason Fisher,  
Abelardo Gelabert, Mary Hudson, Marty Kerrigan, Anthony Lombardo,  
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Lombardo, Mike Lorento, Benjy Margulies, Diego Marino,  
Michele McCann, Peter McCann, Sr., Bryan Monahan, Dorothy O'Grady,  
Rose Paladino, Julian Parra, Freda Perry, Gene Perry, Robert Petersen,  
Joe Radosti, Dan Rodriguez, Fred Ruggio, Rose Serragano, Dorothy Sullivan,  
Juli-Jo Vingo, Loretta Vitale*

## Members in the Military

We ask that you pray especially for those in our parish that are on active duty in the  
Middle East conflict.

They are:



**Daniel D'Arienzo-US Army**  
**Frederick Wm. Ellis-US Army**  
**John Finn-US Army**  
**Paul McEvoy-US Army**  
**Michael Mallimo-US Army**  
**Peter Provenzano-US Army**  
**James Stultz- US Army**  
**John Thompson-US Marines**

...and remember those of our parish family that are in the armed services, listed in our  
Parish Book of Intentions.

## Eucharistic Etiquette



### “Etiquette at the Eucharistic Table— To Help Us Give Thanks and Remember”

*Msgr. Christopher Heller, Pastor of St. Joseph’s Parish in Babylon, recently published an article in Summit and Source, our diocesan liturgical newsletter. We’re going to reprint excerpts of it in the upcoming weeks. Take some time to reflect on his words and the questions/suggestions that follow:*

9. Let’s remember to avoid two practices that are not part of our community’s action for the Eucharist:

first, whether we are in motion or standing still, let’s never grab the Body of Christ with one hand, because it’s undignified, and it cheapens the action of the assembly;

second, let’s never take our Host, move to the Chalice, and dip it into the Precious Blood. This action, called self-intinction, is a form of self-communion and is not permitted.

### **SAGE**

The SAGE Group (Senior Advocates for Growth and Enrichment) will meet on **Tuesday, November 14**, in the **Parish Center at 9 AM**. All older parishioners are welcome.

### **Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group**

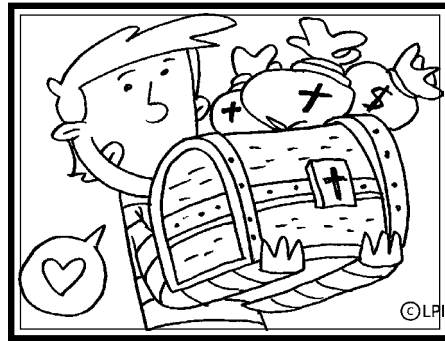
The Jesus, King of All Nations Prayer Group meets each **Thursday afternoon** in the **Church**. The meeting is from **3 PM until 4 PM** in **front of the Blessed Sacrament**.

### **Good Samaritan Prayer Group of L.I.**

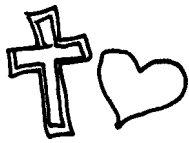
The Good Samaritan Prayer Group of Long Island holds their **meetings every Friday (except the first Friday of the month) at OLL School in Room 16 from 8 PM until 10 PM**.

All are welcome to experience singing, praying and fellowship each evening.

God wants us to be humble, and he wants us to share our blessings. So many people Jesus met were proud, and they thought they deserved special treatment. Other people were rich, but they took what they wanted first and gave God what was left. The poor widow in today's Gospel got it right. She quietly gave to God all she had.



## Mission for the Week

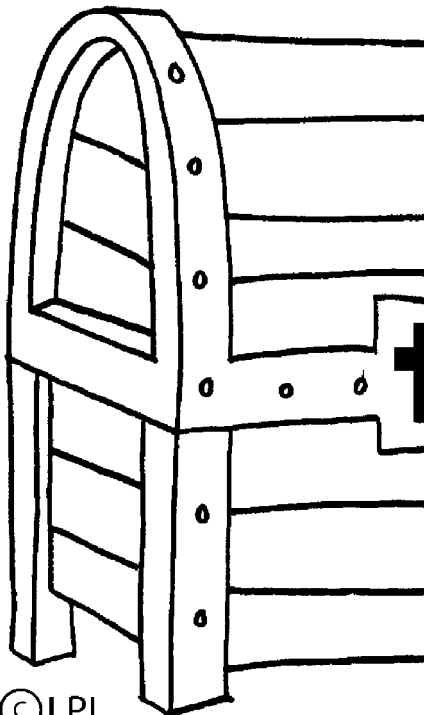


If you have a piggy bank, take money out and give it to God next Sunday. Shhh!

Remember to give it to God quietly.

## Puzzle

Complete the picture.



Dear God,

Help me to quietly  
give you the best  
of all that you  
have to given me.

## Wisdom Born of Pain

*Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI*

John Powell once wrote a remarkable little book entitled, *Unconditional Love*, the story of Tommy, a former student of his who died of cancer at age twenty-four. Shortly before he died, Tommy came to Powell and thanked him for a precious insight he had once drawn from one of his classes. Powell had told the class: There are only two potential tragedies in life and dying young isn't one of them. It's tragic to die and not have loved and it's just as tragic to die and not have expressed your love to those around you.

Sometimes only death can teach us that. Sometimes, through a painful conscription, we can learn it without having to die to pay for its wisdom. Here's an example:

For twenty years, I've been teaching a summer course at Seattle University. One of the rituals I've developed during those summers is to spend the big American holiday, July 4th, with some family friends on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle. This family has its own rituals and one of these is that it watches the July-Fourth parade off the front-lawn of one of their friends' houses.

Four years ago, sitting on that lawn, waiting for the parade, I was introduced to the youngest daughter in that family. She was a senior in high school and a member of their state-winning basketball team, but she was also suffering from cancer and the debilitating chemotherapy treatments being used to combat it. Just 18 years old, weighing less than 100 pounds because of those treatments, she sat wrapped in a blanket (on a warm summer day), quiet and melancholy, while her friends, healthy and robust, drank beer and celebrated life. Things didn't look good that day. The long-range prognosis was iffy, at best, and her body and spirit didn't belie that, though friends and family did. She was surrounded on every side by attention, affection, concern, the sense that everyone cared. She was very ill, but she was loved.

I got to know her a little that day and somewhat more in the months and years that followed. Her family and others prayed hard for her, storming heaven for a cure. Those prayers, along with the medical treatments, did their work. She hung on, against the odds at times, slowly improved, and after many months emerged healthy, whole again, back to normal, except once you've stared death in the face "normal" is never quite the same again.

When she eventually returned to school, rejoined her friends in their social activities, and picked up the pieces of her former life, she knew that, while things were the same again, they were also very, very different. In the wake of such an experience, ordinary life is no longer something you take for granted, there's a deeper joy in all things ordinary and a new horizon, wisdom, maturity, and purpose that wasn't there before. God writes straight with crooked lines and sometimes cancer, terrible as it is, gives more than it takes.

Her new health is more than physical. It's too a thing of soul, a colour, a depth, a wisdom. Asked publicly by her friends if, given the choice, she would give the illness back so as to have the life she could have had without it, she replied: "No, I wouldn't give it back. Through it I learned about love." Like the young man in John Powell's story, the love she experienced when she was ill taught her that there are worse tragedies in life than getting cancer.

Doctors who research on the human brain tell us that we only use about 10% of our radical brain capacity. Most of our brain cells never get activated, both because we don't need them (they exist for wisdom rather than utility) and because we don't know how to access them. The same doctors too tell us that, paradoxically, two things do help us access them: the experience of love and the experience of tragedy. Deep love and deep pain, together, deepen a soul in a way that nothing else can. That explains why Therese of Lisieux was a doctor of the soul at age 24. It also explains the wisdom that this young woman now lives out of, gently challenges her friends with, and radiates to the world.

Five years ago, a young girl had her youth and dreams stolen from her by a brain tumour. There was pain, disappointment, depression, some bitterness, little hope. Everyone seemed luckier than her. That was then. Today, a radiant young woman, Katie Chamberlin, strolls the campus of Gonzaga University, healthy, happy, preparing for a career as a teacher to special-needs children, and, more important, wise, beyond her years, having learned at a young age what most of us only learn when we die, namely, that ordinary life is best seen against a bigger horizon, that life is deeper and more joy filled when it isn't taken for granted, and that love is more important even than health and life itself.

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## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Poverty in America continues to rise, despite the fact that many people work full-time and at more than one job. Housing and health care costs are skyrocketing, and wages are not keeping pace. This very day, 37 million Americans are struggling to escape poverty. One by one, people are joining local community groups to break the cycle of poverty-and Catholics across our country are part of that change. Join in solidarity with the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) to end poverty in our nation-one community at a time. Support the collection for Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

Your generosity will help low-income people as they work together to solve community problems, increase educational opportunities, and create jobs. CCHD is committed to helping people find permanent solutions to the problem of poverty, but they cannot do it alone, please help make a difference.

### Retired and Senior Volunteer Program

#### Telephone Reassurance Program

If you live alone and would like a **daily phone** call from a volunteer, just call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

#### Friendly Visitor Program

If you live alone and would like a **visit** from a volunteer, just call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

If you are 55+ and would like to volunteer to call and/or visit a homebound senior, call the **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program** at 631.979.9490.

## Holiday Craft and Gift Fairs

Start your Christmas shopping, find that gift for the person who is hard to buy for... There will be vendors galore, entertainment, refreshments, raffles, door prizes and more!

**Blessed Sacrament Church**, Valley Stream on **Saturday, November 18 from 10 AM until 4 PM**. For further information, please call 516.568.1027.

**Our Lady of Lourdes**, Massapequa Park on **Saturday, November 25 from 9 AM until 4 PM**. For further information, please call 516.541.3270.

## Religion & Rock

Tune into "Religion & Rock" with Fr. Jim Vlaun on Sunday from 7 AM to 8 AM on WBAB 102.3 FM or 95.3 on the East End of Long Island.

Next Sunday's theme is: "**Family Life.**" Don't forget to tune in!

Visit "Religion & Rock" on the web, [www.religionandrock.com](http://www.religionandrock.com). Also watch "Good News with Father Jim" on TELE CARE, channel 29, on Mondays and Fridays at 9:45 AM; Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 7:45 PM; Sundays at 8 PM.